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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6321
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS, IZ
SUBJ: BOMB IN DOWNTOWN BAGHDAD

1. BOMB EXPLODED IN CROWDED BANK STREET IN DOWNTOWN
BAGHDAD MORNING OF JUNE 12. REPORTEDLY, TWO WOMEN WERE
INJURED BY WHAT WAS APPARENTLY A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
ATTACHED TO A PASSENGER CAR. EXPLOSION IN THIS CENTER
OF IRAQI FINANCIAL LIFE, ALSO A BUSTLING AREA OF SMALL
SHOPS NEAR THE BAZAAR, CAUSED PANDEMONIUM.

2. GUESSES ON IDENTITY OF PERPETRATORS RANGE
FROM SYRIAN AGENTS TO LOCAL COMMUNISTS WITH NO FIRM
LEADS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. DUE TO SIZE OF THE CHARGE
IT COULD HAVE BEEN PLANTED ON AN INNOCENT VEHICLE, FACTOR
WHICH WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO TRACE DOWN THE
CULPRITS.

3. INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY
INFREQUENT IN BAGHDAD THIS YEAR WITH LAST MAJOR
BOMBING HAVING OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1977. THAT INCIDENT,
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WHICH TOGETHER WITH RESULTANT FIRE CLAIMED 35 CASUALTIES,
WAS NEVER EXPLAINED TO IRAQI PUBLIC, ALTHOUGH SYRIAN
INVOLVEMENT WAS HINTED. BAGHDAD RESIDENTS NOW EXPECT
THAT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN CROWDED AREAS OF THE
CITY WILL BECOME MORE RIGOROUS.
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